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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHAD, NIGER, NIGERIA, AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

Well Drilling in the Conventional Lake Chad Basin (Supplementary Assistance) (RAF/74/067)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval :	May 1979
Starting date of project activities :	May 1975 (including previous assistance)
Planned completion date :	December 1980
To be executed by :	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency :	Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval :	$546 100
Source of UNDP financing :	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In 1964, Chad, Niger, Nigeria and the United Republic of Cameroon established the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) as an instrument for the four countries' joint efforts to develop the Lake Chad Basin on the basis of its water and other resources.

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2. In December 1973 the Basin was declared a disaster area due to the then prevailing drought, and LCBC prepared a "Mid-Term Drought Programme", an inter-related group of projects in agriculture, livestock, forestry, fisheries and development of water resources. This project is one of several for which UNDP assistance was solicited and granted. Assistance was originally approved in September 1974[1/]. Implementation difficulties and financial strictures subsequently prompted budget reductions, which in turn necessitated project extensions. This supplementary assistance carrying the project through 1980 is required to achieve project objectives.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives are to drill a number of wells in support of other development activities in the region and to increase LCBC's technical capacity to carry out water-related activities. It was originally intended to finance sub-contracted drilling, but this approach was subsequently dropped in favour of expert supervision.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP will provide the services of one hydrogeologist, one drilling supervisor and consultants as well as equipment.

IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows :

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total approved
	$	$	$
Personnel	142 700	291 900	434 600
Equipment	157 100	251 300	408 400
Miscellaneous	14 300	2 900	17 200
	314 100	546 100	860 200

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